

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CRIMINAL NO.
03-10362-PBS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CHRISTOPHER SUGAR,
SEAN D. STARK,
TREVOR ROYCE TEAGUE,
ANIBAL TORRES, and
FABIAN A. RUIZ

**ORDER AND
INITIAL STATUS REPORT**

January 22, 2004

DEIN, M.J.

An Initial Status Conference was held before this court on Thursday, January 22, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Local Rule 116.5(A). Based on that conference, this court enters the following report and orders, to wit:

1. The government has produced its automatic discovery. The defendants will be filing a motion to require the DEA to maintain the drugs prior to trial.
2. The defendant requests discovery of expert witness testimony in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(E). The government anticipates that, unless there is a stipulation regarding the controlled substances involved in this case, it will offer expert testimony regarding the seized marijuana. The government will disclose any expert materials no later than 14 days before trial.
3. Dispositive motions shall be filed by March 31, 2004.
4. In this court's view, this is not a case involving unusual or complex issues for which an early joint conference of the district judge and the magistrate with counsel of record would be useful.

5. In this court's view, this is not a case involving features which would warrant special attention or modification of the standard schedule, except as provided herein.
6. It is too early to determine whether a trial will be necessary.
7. This court finds and concludes, pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8) and Section 6(b)(8) of the Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Statement of Time Limits Adopted by the Court and Procedures for Implementing Them, Effective July 1, 1980), that the interests of justice, i.e., review of the case, review of evidence, and consideration of alternatives concerning how best to proceed with this matter, outweighs the best interests of the public and the defendant for a trial within seventy days of the return of an indictment.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that, pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8) and Section 6(b)(8) of the Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Statement of Time Limits Adopted by the Court and Procedures for Implementing Them, Effective July 1, 1980), the Clerk of this Court enter excludable time for the period of January 22, 2004 through April 2, 2004, that being the period between the Initial Status Conference and the Interim Status Conference.¹

8. Based upon the prior orders of the court dated December 12, 2003, December 19, 2003, December 22, 2003 and the order entered contemporaneously herewith, at the time of the Interim Status Conference on April 2, 2004 there will be two (2) days of non-excludable time under the

¹ The parties are hereby advised that under the provisions of Rule 2(b) of the Rules for United States Magistrates in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, any party may move for reconsideration by a district judge of the determination(s) and order(s) set forth herein within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this order, unless a different time is prescribed by this court or the district judge. The party seeking reconsideration shall file with the Clerk of this Court, and serve upon all parties, a written notice of the motion which shall specifically designate the order or part thereof to be reconsidered and the basis for the objection thereto. The district judge, upon timely motion, shall reconsider the magistrate's order and set aside any portion thereof found to be clearly erroneous in fact or contrary to law. The parties are further advised that the United States Court of Appeals for this Circuit has indicated that failure to comply with this rule shall preclude further appellate review. See Keating v. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 848 F.2d 271 (1st Cir. March 31, 1988); United States v. Emiliano Valencia-Copete, 792 F.2d 4 (1st Cir. 1986); Park Motor Mart, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co., 616 F.2d 603 (1st Cir. 1980); United States v. Vega, 678 F.2d 376, 378-379 (1st Cir. 1982); Scott v. Schweiker, 702 F.2d 13, 14 (1st Cir. 1983); see also Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 106 S. Ct. 466 (1985).

Speedy Trial Act (January 20-21, 2004) and sixty-eight (68) days will remain under the Speedy Trial Act in which this case must be tried.

9. **An Interim Status Conference has been scheduled for April 2, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Counsel for the respective parties shall file a Joint Memorandum addressing the matters set forth in LR 116.5(C)(1) through (9) before the close of business no less than THREE business days prior to that Status Conference. In addition, the parties shall include in the Joint Memorandum not only the periods of excludable time that are applicable, but also the amount of time remaining under the Speedy Trial Act before trial must commence, as well as the total amount of time which has been excluded.**

/ s / Judith Gail Dein
JUDITH GAIL DEIN
United States Magistrate Judge